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SUBJ: SIXTH COMMITTEE (LEGAL) -- TERRORISM

SUMMARY: COMMITTEE BEGAN CONSIDERATION OF ITEM ON DEC 2. ONLY SPEAKER WAS SAUDI ARABIA. ON DEC 3, SIX STATES ADDRESSED COMMITTEE. EASTERN EUROPEAN AND AFRICAN STATES WHO SPOKE STRESSED THE CAUSES OF TERRORISM AND ARGUED THAT THE ABILITY OF OPPRESSED PEOPLES TO FIGHT AGAINST COLONIALISM, RACISM AND IMPERIALISM MUST NOT BE UNDERMINED BY ANY AGREED CONVENTION ON TERRORISM. END SUMMARY.

1. SAUDI ARABIA (BAROODY) SAID THAT EFFECTIVE ACTION CANNOT BE TAKEN TO COMBAT TERRORISM UNTIL CAUSES UNDERSTOOD AND DEALT WITH. SAID MUST ELIMINATE ECONOMIC, SOCIAL, POLITICAL AND MORAL INJUSTICE IN THE WORLD.

2. YUGOSLAVIA EMPHASIZED THE RIGHT OF OPPRESSED PEOPLES TO FIGHT AGAINST COLONIALISM, RACISM AND IMPERIALISM. SAID THIS RIGHT WAS BASED ON PRINCIPLES OF SELF-DEFENSE AND SELF-DETERMINATION IN CHARTER. SAID STATE POLICIES CAN BE FORM OF TERRORISM. SAID MUST DISTINGUISH BETWEEN "INDIVIDUAL"

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TERRORISM, WHICH SHOULD BE CONDEMNED, AND TERRORISM BY

THOSE FIGHTING FOR THEIR HUMAN RIGHTS.

3. NIGERIA SAID MUST CONTINUE TO STUDY CAUSES OF TERRORISM AND URGED GOVERNMENTS AND OPPRESSED PEOPLES TO WORK OUT SOLUTIONS.

4. POLAND EMPHASIZED LINK BETWEEN TAKING OF HOSTAGES AND TERRORISM. SAID TERRORISM WAS HARD TO DEFINE BECAUSE POLITICAL GUIDELINES NEEDED TO FORM LEGAL DEFINITION. SAID STATE TERRORISM MUST BE INCLUDED IN DEFINITION. DISTINGUISHED BETWEEN TERRORISM AND THE LEGAL STRUGGLE OF PERSONS FOR FREEDOM, SELF-DETERMINATION AND INDEPENDENCE. SAID THIS STRUGGLE WAS LEGITIMIZED BY DEFINITION OF AGGRESSION, UN CHARTER, AND DECLARATION ON FRIENDLY RELATIONS. OBJECTED TO CONVENTION BASED ON EXTRADITION BECAUSE EXTRADITION NOT APPLICABLE TO POLITICAL CRIMES.

5. UKRAINE SAID CONCERN ABOUT TERRORISM SHOULD NOT JEOPARDIZE NATIONAL LIBERATION MOVEMENTS WHICH ARE STRUGGLING TO ERADICATE IMPERIALISM. URGED RATIFICATION OF CONVENTION FOR PROTECTION OF DIPLOMATS AND STRICT FULFILLMENT OF THE HAGUE AND MONTREAL CONVENTIONS.

6. NIGER CALLED FOR A DECREASE IN RESORT TO FORCE AND INCREASE IN UNDERSTANDING OF THE PLIGHT OF THE OPPRESSED. SAID THERE WAS URGENT NEED FOR ELIMINATION OF RACISM AND COLONIALISM AND FOR GUARANTEE OF FUNDAMENTAL DIGNITY OF ALL PERSONS. URGED COMMITTEE TO EXTEND MANDATE OF AD HOC COMMITTEE.

7. URUGUAY SAID SOCIAL JUSTICE AND WORLD SECURITY MOST IMPORTANT AND THEREFORE THERE WAS URGENT NEED TO ELIMINATE TERRORISM WHICH TAKES INNOCENT LIVES. SAID CANNOT DELAY PROHIBITION OF TERRORISM UNTIL CAUSES ALLEVIATED. SAID OBSTRUCTIONISM WAS PREVENTING UNIVERSAL DENUNCIATION OF TERRORISM. SAID THERE WAS DANGER OF WORLD NETWORK OF TERRORISM. CRITICIZED THE WORLD PRESS FOR PUBLICIZING TERRORISTIC ACTIVITIES.

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